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Minutes of November 5, 2008

Minutes of the Arlington Open Space Committee Wednesday, November 5, 2008 Approved December 3, 2008

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, David White, Lisa Decker, Jane Auger.

1. October Minutes were approved with a few minor corrections.

2. Site Management Plans

Joey presented an example from the zoning bylaw of a way that changes could be tracked in the plans. We will consider further the best way to track changes.

The latest final versions of the plans are in hardcopy only, but we do have earlier electronic versions to work with.

We agreed to start revising and reviewing the SMPs in January working on three per meeting. The following schedule was established.

Month	1	2	3
January	Arlington's Great Meadows (DW)	Arlington Reservoir (AL)	Spy Pond (EK)
February	Minuteman Bikeway (JG)	McClennen Park (LD)	Meadowbrook Park (DW)
March	Menotomy Rocks (JA)	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (MH, TD)	Town Hall Gardens (PK)
April	Robbins Farm (LM)	Route 2 Path (EK)	Old Burying Ground (PK)

3. Mill Brook Corridor Park

Request to the National Park Service for assistance was rejected in part because this was not the typical kind of project that they take on.

It was suggested that we invite (LT?) to our next meeting.

How might we move forward now with this?

The cost of a good feasibility study would cost about \$50k.

Park of the linear park would involve land acquisition or right of way access.

Focusing on water quality issues might result in some funding (maybe with Mystic River Watershed Assoc).

Possible connections with local businesses, Chamber of Commerce?

A student project?

Need mapping resources.

Joey will talk to the Town Engineer (Michael Rademacher) about available mapping resources. Could also invite him to our December 3 meeting.

Perhaps the project could be staged in phases.

4. Cooke's Hollow

Various Town commissions and officials are drafting an RFP for landscape design and engineering work for Cooke's Hollow. One of the goals is to provide an entry point for the Mill Brook Corridor Park. Design work will likely start next Spring and there will be a number of public meetings to discuss the plans.

5. Updates/Special Projects

- EcoFest / Lawn Alternatives and Ecological Gardening Forum, March 28. David Epstein will be the featured presenter. Patsy Kraemer and Ruth Yannetti are managing the preparations.
- Water Bodies Fund – Vision 2020 is active with this. Will likely have a warrant article at the next Town Meeting for additional funds. The Town Manager is the responsible official, but will likely be managed by DPW via Teresa DeBenedictis.
- Alewife Path – DCR is proposing a path along the west side of Alewife Brook. ConCom hearings are ongoing. Selectmen will be holding a public meeting to discuss non-ConCom issues.
- Green Dog meetings resume, starting Thursday 11-6.
- The Zero Spy Pond property is being developed under the existing ConCom permit. (formerly part of St. Jerome's Church off Lake St.)
- Street Trees – The number of street trees is slowly declining in Arlington. Because of money issues the state will not be adding and/or replacing all the trees along Summer St. that were in the original reconstruction plan. A town-wide tree preservation and replacement program should be considered.

Next OSC Meetings – First Wednesdays of the month:

December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

David White